REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The allowance of Claims 3-5, 7, 9, and 10 and the indicated Allowability of the subject matter of Claims 8, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18-20 are noted with appreciation.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Leon (5,775,851), to expedite the allowance of this application independent Claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled; Claims 2 and 6 have been made dependent on allowed Claim 4; Claim 8 has been made independent; Claims 12, 15, 18, and 19, have been made independent; and Claims 13, 14, and 17 have been made dependent upon Claim 12 (now allowable).

This application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

A check in the amount of \$600.00 is attached in payment of the extra independent claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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